

The Wasatch Livery Stable about 1900. Shown here in front of the stable in his buggy is Frank Carlile.

son, Andrew Mair, Jr., John Forman, Robert Montgomery, Byron Pierce, LaMar Watkins, Frank Murdock, Carl G. Anderson and Tom Parry. One other member of the trade, blacksmith Andrew Anderson, presented a paradox in that his specialty was watch repairing. He fixed the intricate mechanisms right along with his blacksmith work, though he never did any horse shoeing.

The one event that could be singled out as having the most profound effect on Heber business took place in 1862 when an individual named Ben Holliday agreed with the U. S. government to carry mail by stage coach from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California. Salt Lake City became a hub in this operation, and branch lines were soon extended to towns and mining camps in southern Utah, Idaho, Nevada and Montana. It was necessary that the stage line change horses every ten or twelve miles, and so stations were set up to keep supplies of hay and grain on hand.

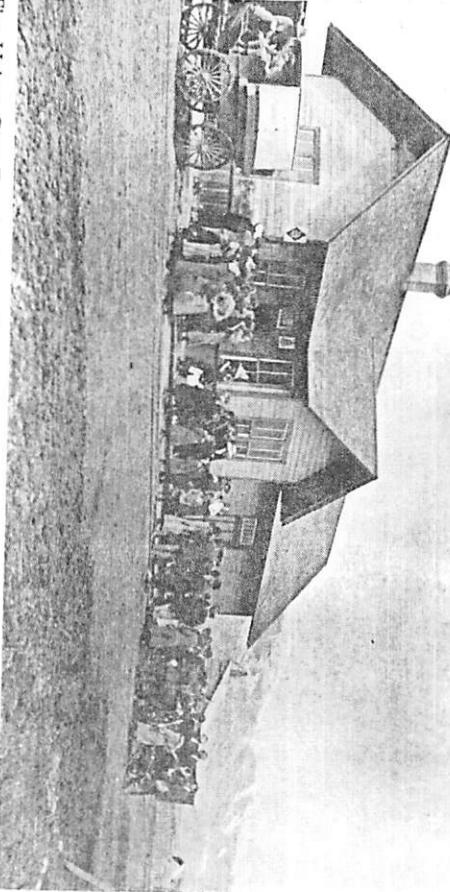
In 1863, John Witt of Heber was given a contract to supply oats to the stations as far east as Green River. With this contract, Mr. Witt was able to bring considerable amounts of money into the valley, and the old system of exchanging goods and bartering began to wane. With the money now coming into the community,

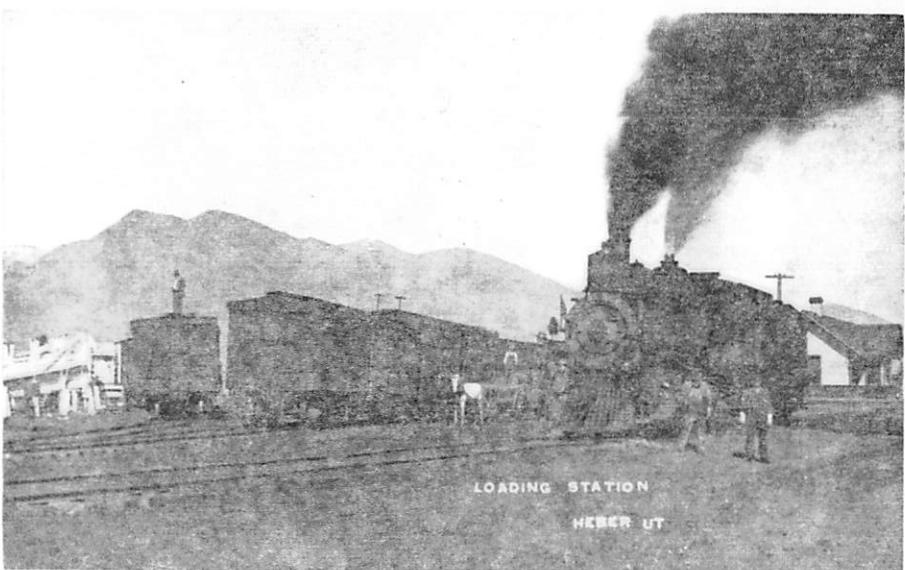
The Heber City Depot, shown here in this photo, was a focal point of the community and the valley after the railroad came in 1899.

The first major livery stable in Heber was built in 1892 by two brothers, A. M. and J. S. Murdock. They had good horses and buggies for hire, and in addition, operated a stage line between Heber and Park City. The stage left at 8 a.m. and returned from Park City at 3 p.m. The road they established went over the hill west of the Morris and Davis ranches and through Deer Valley. Elisha J. Duke was a stage operator and mail carrier at the time and served for many years.

Later the Murdock brothers sold to John H. Luke and A. C. Hatch who subsequently sold their interests to Laban Hylton who brought the first automobiles for sale into Heber and changed the business to Pikes Peak Garage. Later, Joseph Hylton entered the business with his brother. By this time livery stables were a thing of the past since horses and carriages had given way quite rapidly to automobiles. Many youngsters in Heber had their first automobile ride in the early 1900's when Andrew Anderson left Heber to enter business in Provo. He purchased an automobile and when he brought the car to Heber he charged 25 cents for a ride to the river and back.

Service stations and garages that have been established in the valley.





Shown here is the loading station adjacent to the depot.

Railroad travel became a reality in Heber on September 29, 1899 when the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad opened a line from Provo through to the Wasatch area.

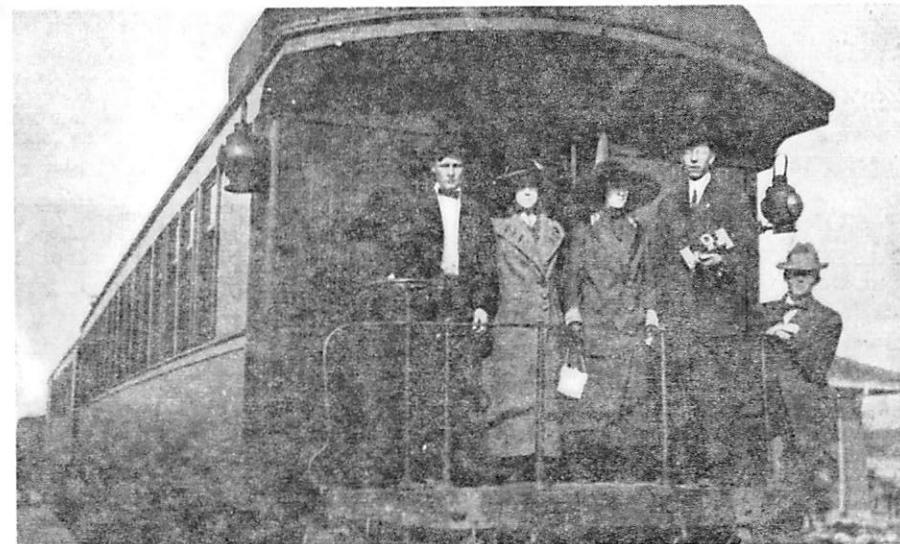
The line had long been awaited by Heber residents because it would enable them to ship their livestock and farm commodities to outside markets. The feeling of the day was described in an article in the "Wasatch Wave" which stated:

RAILROAD COMPLETED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1899 Heber Now in Touch with Outside World

E. W. Sullivan appointed station agent at Heber—Schedule very satisfactory—Two trains arrive in and leave Heber each day.

"The Provo Canyon branch of the Rio Grande Western Railroad which connects Heber City with Provo is now completed and ready for business. The length of the road is 25.8 miles. There are seven stations on the line between Provo and Heber. Their names and their distances from Provo are as follows: Smoot, one mile; Crahurst, six miles; Nuns, nine miles; Falls, ten miles; Forks, twelve miles; Wallsburg, eighteen miles; Charleston, twenty-one miles. None of these stations will have an agent. E. W. Sullivan has been appointed agent at Heber. He comes well recommended, having been in the employ of the company for a number of years.

"Elsewhere in this issue will be found the time table showing the arrival and departure of trains. This schedule is very satisfactory indeed. The trains connect at Provo with the fast-continental trains both east and



Pictured on this train leaving the Heber Depot are Laura Clyde, H. Clay Cummings, Nora Clyde, Elthoria Hicken, Storm McDonald and one unidentified man. Railroad travel was a real boon to valley residents.

west without any of those long, tiresome waits. If you have business in Salt Lake you can take the 6:40 A.M. train—arrive in the City 10:00 o'clock; returning you can leave Salt Lake at 5 o'clock P.M. and reach Heber at 8:05. This gives you seven hours in the metropolis, and the whole of the business day in the city which is from 10 o'clock to 5. On the other hand our Salt Lake friends can leave there at 8 A.M., reach Heber at 11:10 A.M. spend 3½ hours in Heber and leave at 2:20, arriving in Salt Lake at 5:35 in the evening."

The community leaders were sufficiently moved by the significance of the occasion that they planned a special railroad holiday on Friday, October 6, 1899 and invited people from all over the state to attend.

The railroad company set up a special train of seven cars which arrived in Heber at 3 p.m., carrying many state dignitaries, including Governor J. T. Hammond, Provo City officials and some 400 persons.

Residents of Heber and Wasatch County along with the Heber Brass Band met the train and its passengers at the depot and proceeded to the court house yard where a special platform had been erected.

Here a special program began with an address of welcome by Abram Hatch, stake president. Mayor Jones of Provo made a brief response and each of the state officials present spoke for a few minutes. These included Gov. Hammond, James Chipman, state treasurer; Morgan Richards, Jr., state auditor; J. J. Thomas, secretary of the state board of equalization and U. S. Senator Reed Smoot. Numerous railroad officials and officers

of Provo City were also honored. Music was furnished by quartets from Heber and Provo and by the Heber Brass Band.

After the program the large crowd adjourned to Heber Social (old hall) Hall where they were served free food between 4 and 7 p.m. A dance in Turner's Hall during the evening concluded the festivities. The special train left Heber shortly after 10 p.m. and arrived in Provo at 12:30 a.m.

Of the day's activities, the "Wave" commented:

"All seemed to enjoy themselves during the afternoon and evening, and we believe the visitors went home feeling that they had been well treated by the people of Heber and having a somewhat warmer feeling toward us than they formerly had."

The coming of the railroad gave rise to a number of related businesses, including "hack" service. Frank Carlile of the Heber Livery Stable was one of the most reliable drivers of the time. He met all the trains leaving town or arriving. Often his hack was so loaded with townspeople, traveling salesmen or other travelers that two or three had to stand on the step at the rear of the buggy. His reputation was for reliability, and people knew they could always catch their train if they rode with Frank Carlile.

Station agents that have followed Mr. Sullivan include A. A. Tyree, assisted by Nate C. Coleman; a Mr. Harmon; Joseph Ely who served some 20 years, and the present agent, Roger Felt, who has been at the station some 19 years.

Advancements in truck transportation and the convenience of automobile travel has cut deeply into the railroad's business, so that the train makes only one run into the valley each week at present.

"Hack" Service from Midway for Hi School kids



Lt. Russell Maughan flew the first airplane into Heber in 1921. Schools were closed and people gathered to look at their first flying machine. Shown here is some of the crowd that gathered around the old DeHaviland plane.



Wasatch County officials of 1901. Front row, left to right: Wayne C. Whiting, county clerk and recorder; Guy H. Coleman, chairman of the county commission; William J. Bond, county commissioner; Walter Montgomery, county commissioner; Second row: Guy Duke, assessor; Mary Chapman, deputy clerk; June Wheeler, treasurer; Shirley Chatwin, deputy clerk; Ethel Giles, secretary to the county agent; Mary Bacon, home demonstration agent; Buck Rose, Paul Daniels, county agricultural agent; Floyd Witt, sheriff; Jerry Smith, deputy sheriff; A. D. Buys, justice of the peace of the Heber precinct; Alvin Hansen, custodian of the court house and grounds. Richard L. Maxfield, county attorney.

establish herd ground on public domain and requests from citizens for protection from the influx of excessive livestock from other counties.

There were also the legal problems related to justice and the suppression of crime. Business licenses and franchise also had to be granted, and liquor control had to be enforced. For a period, also, the selectmen had responsibilities for directing the school precincts and the superintendent.

Statehood in 1896 brought a full county commission organization, with John Clyde, Isaac O. Wall and Wilford Van Wagoner selected as the first commissioners.

Salaries for those first selected included \$100 a year for commissioners; \$650 per year for the sheriff; \$500 per year for the clerk, with the recorder receiving \$200 per year; the surveyor \$100 per year and the county superintendent of schools \$360 per year.

Those who have served as commissioners through the years have included the following: 1897, Wilford Van Wagoner, Thomas Clotworthy, William Daybell, 1899, Thomas Clotworthy, Isaac O. Wall and Richard Jones, 1901, Henry Clift, A. M. Murdock, Henry T. Coleman, 1903, John E. Austin, F. A. Fraughton, Henry T. Coleman, 1905, John E. Austin, F. A. Fraughton, Jacob Probst, 1907, Jacob Probst, E. J.



